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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Jason E. Benson,  
Plaintiff

V.

Thomas Duran, et al.,  
Defendants

: CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:CV-00-1229  
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: (Judge Caldwell)  
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: (Magistrate Judge Blevitt) ✓  
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### PARTIES

1.) The plaintiff, Jason E. Benson, was held at Adams County Prison (hereon A.C.P.) during the events described in this complaint.

2.) Defendant Thomas Duran is the Warden of A.C.P.. He is sued in his individual capacity.

3.) Defendants Bruce Cluck and Debra Hanky are the Deputy Wardens of A.C.P.. They are sued in their individual capacity.

4.) Defendant's John Jennings and William Orth are Lieutenants of the A.C.P.. They are sued in their individual capacity.

5.) Defendant Rae Hientzelman is a Sergeant of the A.C.P.. He is sued in his individual capacity.

6.) Defendant's Briton Shelton and David Vazquez are Correctional Officer's of the A.C.P.. They are sued in their individual capacity.

7.) Doctor William J. Steinour is a physician employed at the Gettysburg Hospital. He is sued in his individual capacity.

8. Dr. Ronald Jong, physician, and Dr. William Ellien, psychiatrist, are employed at the State Correctional Institution Smithfield. They are sued in their individual capacities.

Plaintiff retains the right to amend any future Jane/John Doe defendants that becomes available through discovery.

### FACTS

1.) On August 25, 1999, plaintiff, a Pennsylvania State Prisoner, was transferred to the Adams County Prison (hereafter referred to as A.C.P.) for the purpose of attending a Post Conviction Relief Act Hearing. (See Exhibit "A")

2.) On August 27, 1999, upon plaintiff's return to A.C.P. from the aforementioned hearing, he was released from the Sheriff's restrains. However, A.C.P. Intake Officer, defendant Briton Shelton, recuffed the plaintiff behind his back, and shackled him about the ankles. This not being the usual protocol for returning inmates, plaintiff inquired as to why he was being

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\* recuffed. Defendant Briton Shelton responded, saying, "Hey, I ain't the one!" At this time defendant Lt. John Jennings appeared, saying, "Bring Shithead in to get naked." Indicating a strip search.

\* 3.) Plaintiff was led to a small room adjacent to the intake area. Plaintiff, handcuffed behind his back and shackled about the ankles, was seated in a chair. Defendant Lt. Jennings exited the room leaving plaintiff alone with defendant Briton Shelton, who was docile, and no words were exchanged. Defendant Lt. John Jennings returned with Warden Thomas Duran, Deputy Wardens Bruce Cluck and Debra Hankey, Sergeant Rae Hientzelman, and John Doe, who was carrying a video camera, filming. (See Exhibit "B" - (1), (2), and (3)).

\* 4.) At this time, Deputy Warden Bruce Cluck ordered plaintiff to strip. Plaintiff, handcuffed and shackled, unable to comply, refused. Notwithstanding, plaintiff was handcuffed behind his back, and shackled about his ankles posing no threat to the defendant's, without warning was shot in the face with O.C. Pepper Foam. Plaintiff, unable to breath or see, attempted to rid himself of the O.C. Pepper Foam, lost his balance, hitting his head against a computer monitor. At this time, defendant Warden Thomas Duran gave the order to "Takem' down!" Seriously injuring plaintiff, defendants Bruce Cluck, Debra Hankey, John Jennings, Rae Hientzelman, and Briton Shelton knocked plaintiff to the ground, hammering plaintiff's head into the floor, twisting plaintiff's hands beyond normal range of motion, kicking and kneeling plaintiff in his back and side. (See Exhibit "C")

5.) After pleading for several minutes for defendant's to get off of him, defendant's relented, throwing plaintiff into a concrete shower stall, where plaintiff fell unconscious. Defendant Thomas Duran forcefully yanked plaintiff out of the shower stall, taking him to the floor again, where defendant Thomas Duran stomped his foot into the plaintiff's neck. After plaintiff was released from defendant Thomas Duran's foot, and removed of the restraints, plaintiff complied to a strip search. A.C.P. has no medical facilities, thus plaintiff requested to be taken to the Gettysburg Hospital Emergency Room. (See Exhibit "D")

\* 6.) Subsequently, the Gettysburg Hospital Emergency Room physician Dr. William J. Steinour, who is familiar with plaintiff's past history of epilepsy, refused to address plaintiff's request for anti-seizure medications, as well as his complaint of losing consciousness, diagnosing the plaintiff with, "Multiple contusions" and released plaintiff to the care of A.C.P..

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7.) Thereafter, on August 30, 1999, plaintiff was witnessed by defendant's Lt. William Orth and C.O. David Vazquez to be in a state of convulsions, but refused to immediately treat plaintiff until one and one-half (1½) hours later, where they again witnessed plaintiff in a state of serious convulsions, only then calling for the Adams County Sheriff's Department to transport plaintiff to the Gettysburg Hospital. Once plaintiff arrived at the Gettysburg Hospital Emergency Room, he was witnessed by hospital Medical Staff to be in a life threatening state of severe seizures known as "Status Epilepticus," incontinent, and foaming and bleeding from the mouth. Plaintiff was immediately admitted to the Gettysburg Hospital Critical Care Unit with "Imminent Death" orders (See Exhibits "E" (1), (2), (3), and (4))

8.) After further investigation, it was discovered that a series of pharmacological deviations prescribed by defendant's Dr. Ronald Long and Dr. William Ellien of SCI Smithfield precipitated into the aforementioned "Status Epilepticus" attack suffered by plaintiff. (See Exhibit "F"(4))

9.) On June 4, 1999, plaintiff was seen by defendant Dr. Ronald Long. Plaintiff complained that the anti-seizure medication he was on, (a hypantoin derivative called Dilantin) was causing unwanted side effects, and that he wanted to switch back to the anti-seizure medication he was on prior to the Dilantin. Defendant Dr. Ronald Long refused to change the medications, and abruptly discontinued plaintiff's Dilantin, without prescribing any further medications to treat plaintiff's epilepsy disorder. (See Exhibit "G")

10.) On June 15, 1999, plaintiff sent a request to defendant Dr. Ronald Long, asking him to reconsider prescribing an anti-seizure medications of any kind. This request was never responded to. (See Exhibit "H")

11.) On July 24, 1999, plaintiff was seen by defendant Dr. William Ellien, psychiatrist. At this time, plaintiff inquired as to why he wasn't on anti-seizure medications. Defendant Dr. William Ellien, said this wasn't his field of expertise and that I should talk to Defendant Dr. Ronald Long. He then prescribed the anti-depressant drug Imipramine.

12.) The abrupt discontinuance of Dilantin by defendant Dr. Ronald Long, as well as the prescription anti-depressant Imipramine, in combination with the physical and emotional trauma sustained during the use of excessive force in A.C.P. synergistically caused plaintiff to enter into the aforementioned life threatening "Status Epilepticus" seizures that occurred on August 29, 1999. (See Exhibit "I" (1), (2), and Exhibit "F(4)"

CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

1.) The actions of Warden Thomas Duran, Deputy Warden Bruce Cluck, Deputy Warden Debra Hankey, C.O. Briton Shelton, Lt. John Jennings, Sgt. Rea Heintzleman, and Jane/John Doe in using physical force against the plaintiff without need or provocation, and in failing to intervene to prevent the misuse of force was done maliciously and sadistically, and constituted cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

2.) Defendant's Lt. William Orth, and C.O. Vazquez's failure to provide adequate medical treatment to plaintiff, placed plaintiff in direct risk of serious injury, disease, and death constitutes deliberate indifference to the plaintiff's serious medical needs in violation of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

3.) Adams County Prisons lack of adequately trained medical staff and medical facilities constitutes deliberate indifference to the plaintiff's serious medical needs in violation of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

4.) Defendant Dr. William J. Stienour's failure to treat plaintiff as a seizure risk even after plaintiff explained to defendant that he was an epileptic, and not currently on medications, constitutes deliberate indifference to plaintiff's serious medical needs in violation of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

5.) The combined actions of defendant Dr. Ronald Long and Dr. William Ellien in abruptly stopping plaintiff's anti-seizure medication and in prescribing an anti-depressant drug known to lower seizure threshold placed plaintiff in direct risk of serious injury, disease, and death constitutes deliberate indifference to plaintiff's serious medical needs in violation of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

A2: The actions of Lt. Orth and C.O. David Vazquez in ignoring plaintiff while in seizures and post-ictal state constitutes deliberate indifference to the plaintiff's serious medical needs in violation of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

A3: The actions of Dr. William J. Steinour in refusing to treat plaintiff as a seizure risk, despite plaintiff reminding him that he was epileptic and not currently on anti-seizure medication constitutes deliberate indifference in violation of the

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Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

A5: The actions of Dr. Ronald Long in abruptly discontinuing plaintiff's anti-seizure medications despite foreknowledge that such actions would cause severe, life threatening seizures constitutes deliberate indifference in violation of the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

A6: The actions of defendant Dr. William Ellien in prescribing the drug Tofranil known to decrease the seizure threshold, with foreknowledge that plaintiff was epileptic and had been abruptly withdrawn from his anti-seizure medications and the seizure risk associated with the withdrawal of said medications and the addition of the drug Tofranil he prescribed constitutes deliberate indifference to the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

B-2: \$500,000.00 against Dr. Ronald Long and Dr. William Ellien for abruptly discontinuing plaintiff's anti-seizure medication and prescribing an anti-depressant seizure antagonist drug, and causing plaintiff to fall into a life threatening state of seizures known as "Status Epilepticus," and subsequent hospitalization of plaintiff.





## PHYSICIAN'S ORDERS

Exhibit G

Inmate Name: Jason Beison

Inmate Number: DS 6483

DOB: 9-27-76

Institution: Smithfield C

Drug Allergies:

NKA

Self-Medication Program ☐ Yes ☒ No

Date/ Military Time	Prob #	DO NOT USE THIS SHEET UNLESS A RED NUMBER SHOWS	1
7/27/99	6	① Next appointment in 1 month.	
1615 hrs		② Ativan 1mg PO q 6 hrs PRN anxiety, stat.	
		• max 2 doses/day; • max 6 doses/week; for 1 month	
		③ Begin Imipramine 50mg PO bid daily, through 3 Aug '99	
		④ On 4 Aug '99 - increase Imipramine to 75mg PO bid,	
		daily, through 10 Aug 1999	
		⑤ On 11 Aug '99 - increase Imipramine to 100mg PO bid,	
		daily, for 5 months	
		✓ ⑥ On/about 19 Aug 1999 - obtain Tifazil (Imipramine	
		+ desipramine) blood level in AM	
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		Barb Grove, L.P.N.	
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**COLY-MYCIN® S OTIC**

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with Neomycin and Hydrocortisone  
(colistin sulfate—neomycin  
sulfate—thonzonium  
bromide—hydrocortisone acetate  
otic suspension)

**DESCRIPTION**

Coly-Mycin S Otic with Neomycin and Hydrocortisone (colistin sulfate-neomycin sulfate-thonzonium bromide-hydrocortisone acetate otic suspension) is a sterile aqueous suspension containing in each ml: Colistin base activity, 3 mg (as the sulfate); Neomycin base activity, 3.3 mg (as the sulfate); Hydrocortisone acetate, 10 mg (1%); Thonzonium bromide, 0.5 mg (0.05%); Polysorbate 80, acetic acid, and sodium acetate in a buffered aqueous vehicle. Thimerosal (mercury derivative), 0.002%, added as a preservative. It is a non-viscous liquid, buffered at pH 5, for instillation into the canal of the external ear or direct application to the affected aural skin.

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

1. Colistin sulfate—an antibiotic with bactericidal action against most gram-negative organisms, notably *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *E. coli*, and *Klebsiella-Aerobacter*.
2. Neomycin sulfate—a broad-spectrum antibiotic, bactericidal to many pathogens, notably *Staph aureus* and *Proteus* sp.
3. Hydrocortisone acetate—a corticosteroid that controls inflammation, edema, pruritus and other dermal reactions.
4. Thonzonium bromide—a surface-active agent that promotes tissue contact by dispersion and penetration of the cellular debris and exudate.

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

For the treatment of superficial bacterial infections of the external auditory canal, caused by organisms susceptible to the action of the antibiotics; and for the treatment of infections of mastoidectomy and fenestration cavities, caused by organisms susceptible to the antibiotics.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

This product is contraindicated in those individuals who have shown hypersensitivity to any of its components, and in herpes simplex, vaccinia and varicella.

**WARNINGS**

As with other antibiotic preparations, prolonged treatment may result in overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms and fungi.

If the infection is not improved after one week, cultures and susceptibility tests should be repeated to verify the identity of the organism and to determine whether therapy should be changed.

Patients who prefer to warm the medication before using should be cautioned against heating the solution above body temperature, in order to avoid loss of potency.

**PRECAUTIONS**

**General:** If sensitization or irritation occurs, medication should be discontinued promptly.

This drug should be used with care in cases of perforated eardrum and in longstanding cases of chronic otitis media because of the possibility of ototoxicity caused by neomycin. Treatment should not be continued for longer than ten days. Allergic cross-reactions may occur which could prevent the use of any or all of the following antibiotics for the treatment of future infections: kanamycin, paromomycin, streptomycin, and possibly gentamicin.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Neomycin is a not uncommon cutaneous sensitizer. There are articles in the current literature that indicate an increase in the prevalence of persons sensitive to neomycin.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

The external auditory canal should be thoroughly cleansed and dried with a sterile cotton applicator.

When using the calibrated dropper:

For adults, 5 drops of the suspension should be instilled into the affected ear 3 or 4 times daily. For infants and children, 4 drops are suggested because of the smaller capacity of the ear canal.

This dosage correlates to the 4 drops (for adults) and 3 drops (for children) recommended when using the dropper-bottle container for this product.

The patient should lie with the affected ear upward and then the drops should be instilled. This position should be maintained for 5 minutes to facilitate penetration of the drops into the ear canal. Repeat, if necessary, for the opposite ear. If preferred, a cotton wick may be inserted into the canal and the drops instilled over the wick.

4 hours. The wick should be replaced at least once every 24 hours.

**HOW SUPPLIED**

Coly-Mycin S Otic is supplied as:

N 0071-3141-35—5-mL bottle with dropper

N 0071-3141-36—10-mL bottle with dropper

Each ml contains: Colistin sulfate equivalent to 3 mg of colistin base, Neomycin sulfate equivalent to 3.3 mg neomycin base, Hydrocortisone acetate 10 mg (1%), Thonzonium bromide 0.5 mg (0.05%), and Polysorbate 80 in an aqueous vehicle buffered with acetic acid and sodium acetate. Thimerosal (mercury derivative) 0.002% added as a preservative.

Shake well before using.

Store at controlled room temperature 15°–30°C (59°–86°F).

Stable for 18 months at room temperature; prolonged exposure to higher temperatures should be avoided.

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**Caution—**Federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription.

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(Extended Phenytoin Sodium Capsules, USP)

**DESCRIPTION**

Phenytoin Sodium is an antiepileptic drug. Phenytoin sodium is related to the barbiturates in chemical structure, but has a five-membered ring. The chemical name is sodium 5,5-diphenyl-2,4-imidazolidinedione.

Each Dilantin—Extended Phenytoin Sodium Capsule USP contains 30 mg or 100 mg phenytoin sodium USP. Also contains lactose, NF; sucrose, NF; talc, USP; and other ingredients. The capsule shell and band contain colloidal silicon dioxide, NF; FD&C red No. 3; gelatin, NF; glyceryl monooleate; sodium lauryl sulfate, NF. The Dilantin 30-mg capsule shell and band also contain citric acid, USP; FD&C blue No. 1; sodium benzoate, NF; titanium dioxide, USP. The Dilantin 100-mg capsule shell and band also contain FD&C yellow No. 6; hydrogen peroxide 3%; polyethylene glycol 200. Product *in vivo* performance is characterized by a slow and extended rate of absorption with peak blood concentrations expected in 4 to 12 hours as contrasted to *Prompt Phenytoin Sodium Capsules* USP with a rapid rate of absorption with peak blood concentration expected in 1½ to 3 hours.

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

Phenytoin is an antiepileptic drug which can be useful in the treatment of epilepsy. The primary site of action appears to be the motor cortex where spread of seizure activity is inhibited. Possibly by promoting sodium efflux from neurons, phenytoin tends to stabilize the threshold against hyperexcitability caused by excessive stimulation or environmental changes capable of reducing membrane sodium gradient. This includes the reduction of posttetanic potentiation at synapses. Loss of posttetanic potentiation prevents cortical seizure foci from detonating adjacent cortical areas. Phenytoin reduces the maximal activity of brain stem centers responsible for the tonic phase of tonic-clonic (grand mal) seizures.

The plasma half-life in man after oral administration of phenytoin averages 22 hours, with a range of 7 to 42 hours. Steady-state therapeutic levels are achieved 7 to 10 days after initiation of therapy with recommended doses of 300 mg/day.

When serum level determinations are necessary, they should be obtained at least 5-7 half-lives after treatment initiation, dosage change, or addition or subtraction of another drug to the regimen so that equilibrium or steady-state will have been achieved. Trough levels provide information about clinically effective serum level range and confirm patient compliance and are obtained just prior to the patient's next scheduled dose. Peak levels indicate an individual's threshold for emergence of dose-related side effects and are obtained at the time of expected peak concentration. For Dilantin Kapseals peak serum levels occur 4-12 hours after administration.

Optimum control without clinical signs of toxicity occurs more often with serum levels between 10 and 20 mcg/ml, although some mild cases of tonic-clonic (grand mal) epilepsy may be controlled with lower-serum levels of phenytoin. In most patients maintained at a steady dosage, stable phenytoin serum levels are achieved. There may be wide interpatient variability in phenytoin serum levels with equivalent dosages. Patients with unusually low levels may be noncompliant or hypermetabolizers of phenytoin. Unusually high levels result from liver disease, congenital enzyme deficiency or drug interactions which result in metabolic interference. The patient with large variations in phenytoin plasma levels, despite standard doses, presents a difficult clinical problem. Serum level determinations in such patients may be helpful.

free phenytoin levels may be altered in patients with abnormal protein binding characteristics differ from normal. Most of the drug is excreted in the bile and feces. Metabolites which are then reabsorbed from the intestine and excreted in the urine. Urinary excretion of metabolites occurs partly with glomerular filtration and more importantly, by tubular secretion. Phenytoin is hydroxylated in the liver by an enzyme which is saturable, small incremental doses may result in substantial increases in serum levels, when the dosage is increased. The steady-state level may be increased, with resultant intoxication, from a dosage of 10% or more.

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

Dilantin is indicated for the control of tonic-clonic (grand mal and temporal lobe) seizures and treatment of seizures occurring during neurosurgery.

Phenytoin serum level determinations may be helpful for optimal dosage adjustments (see Dosage and Administration).

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Phenytoin is contraindicated in those patients who are hypersensitive to phenytoin or other hydantoin derivatives.

**WARNINGS**

Abrupt withdrawal of phenytoin in epileptic patients may precipitate status epilepticus. When, in the clinical setting, the need for dosage reduction, discontinuation or substitution of alternative antiepileptic drug is indicated, this should be done gradually. However, in patients with allergic or hypersensitivity reaction, rapid discontinuation of phenytoin and substitution of alternative therapy may be necessary. In the absence of alternative therapy should be an antiepileptic drug of the hydantoin chemical class.

There have been a number of reports suggesting a relationship between phenytoin and the development of lymphadenopathy (local or generalized) including benign hyperplasia, pseudolymphoma, lymphoma, and leukemia.

Although a cause and effect relationship has not been established, the occurrence of lymphadenopathy should be differentiated from lymph node pathology. Lymph node involvement with or without symptoms and signs resembling infectious disease, eg, fever, rash and liver involvement.

In all cases of lymphadenopathy, follow-up for an extended period is indicated and every effort should be made to achieve seizure control using alternative drugs.

Acute alcoholic intake may increase phenytoin serum levels while chronic alcoholic use may decrease serum levels. In view of isolated reports associating phenytoin with exacerbation of porphyria, caution should be exercised in patients suffering from porphyria.

**Usage in Pregnancy:**

A number of reports suggests an association of antiepileptic drugs by women with epileptic seizures and incidence of birth defects in children born to them. Data are more extensive with respect to phenytoin than with other antiepileptic drugs; less systematic or anecdotal reports suggest a possible similar association with the use of other antiepileptic drugs.

The reports suggesting a higher incidence of birth defects in children of drug-treated epileptic women cannot be considered adequate to prove a definite cause and effect relationship. There are intrinsic methodologic problems in the data on drug teratogenicity in humans. The incidence of the epileptic condition itself may be more frequent in drug therapy in leading to birth defects. The reports of the mothers on antiepileptic medications during pregnancy should not be discontinued in patients in whom administration to prevent major seizures is indicated. The strong possibility of precipitating status epilepticus, attendant hypoxia and threat to life. In patients where the severity and frequency of the seizures are such that the removal of medication does not pose a threat to the patient, discontinuation of the drug should be considered prior to and during pregnancy. It should not be said with any confidence that even mild cases of epilepsy do not pose some hazards to the developing embryo. The prescribing physician will wish to weigh the risks of discontinuing antiepileptic therapy in treating and counseling epileptic patients in childbearing potential.

In addition to the reports of increased incidence of congenital malformations, such as cleft lip/palate and other anomalies in children of women receiving phenytoin, there have been reports of a fetal hydantoin syndrome. This consists of a deficiency, microcephaly and mental deficiency. Some level of exposure to such patients may be helpful.

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Skin rash, petechiae, urticaria, itching, photosensitivity, edema (general or of face and tongue); drug fever; activity with desipramine.

Bone marrow depression including agranulocytosis; purpura; thrombocytopenia.

Gastrointestinal: Nausea and vomiting, anorexia, epigastric distress, diarrhea; peculiar taste, stomatitis, abdominal pain, black tongue.

Gynecomastia in the male; breast enlargement; hemorrhage in the female; increased or decreased libido; testicular swelling; elevation or depression of sugar levels; inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion syndrome.

Jaundice (simulating obstructive); altered liver function; weight gain or loss; perspiration; flushing; urinary retention; drowsiness, dizziness, weakness and fatigue; parotid swelling; alopecia; proneness to falling.

General Symptoms: Though not indicative of addiction, cessation of treatment after prolonged therapy may cause nausea, headache and malaise.

## DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION

Up to 100 mg/day intramuscularly in divided doses. Oral administration should be used only for starting patients unable or unwilling to use oral medication. Oral form should supplant the injectable as soon as

possible. Dosages are recommended for elderly patients and patients. Lower dosages are also recommended for outpatients compared to hospitalized patients who will be under supervision. Dosage should be initiated at a low level and increased gradually, noting carefully the clinical response and any evidence of intolerance. Following remission, maintenance medication may be required for a longer period of time, at the lowest dose that will maintain

## DOSAGE

Children have been reported to be more sensitive than adults to overdose of imipramine hydrochloride. An overdose of any amount in infants or young children, must be considered serious and potentially fatal.

Symptoms: These may vary in severity depending on factors such as the amount of drug absorbed, the patient, and the interval between drug ingestion and start of treatment. Blood and urine levels of imipramine do not reflect the severity of poisoning; they have qualitative rather than quantitative value, and are not indicators in the clinical management of the

abnormalities may include drowsiness, stupor, coma, restlessness, agitation, hyperactive reflexes, muscularity, athetoid and choreiform movements, and

abnormalities may include arrhythmia, tachycardia, evidence of impaired conduction, and signs of con-

fusion. Depression, cyanosis, hypotension, shock, vomiting, mydriasis, and diaphoresis may also be

The recommended treatment for overdose of tricyclic antidepressants may change periodically. It is recommended that the physician contact a control center for current information on treatment.

CNS involvement, respiratory depression and cardiac arrhythmia can occur suddenly, hospitalization and resuscitation may be necessary, even when the amount ingested is thought to be small or the initial degree of intoxication appears slight or moderate. All patients with ECG abnormalities should have continuous cardiac monitoring closely observed until well after cardiac status has returned to normal; relapses may occur after apparent re-

covery. If patient, empty the stomach promptly by lavage. If patient is conscious, secure the airway with a cuffed endotracheal tube before beginning lavage (do not induce emesis). Administration of activated charcoal slurry may help reduce absorption of imipramine.

External stimulation to reduce the tendency to convulse. If anticonvulsants are necessary, diazepam and phenytoin may be useful.

Adequate respiratory exchange. Do not use respiratory stimulants.

Patients should be treated with supportive measures, such as oxygenation, intravenous fluids, and, if necessary, a vasopressor agent. The use of corticosteroids in shock is controversial and may be contraindicated in cases of overdose of tricyclic antidepressants. Digitalis may increase conduction and further irritate an already sensitized myocardium. If congestive heart failure necessitates rapid diuresis, particular care must be exercised.

Patients should be controlled by whatever external means are available, including ice packs and cooling sponge baths.

Peritoneal dialysis, exchange transfusions and hemodialysis have been generally reported as ineffective.

tive because of the rapid fixation of imipramine in tissues. Blood and urine levels of imipramine may not correlate with the degree of intoxication, and are unreliable indicators in the clinical management of the patient.

The slow intravenous administration of physostigmine salicylate has been used as a last resort to reverse severe CNS anticholinergic manifestations of overdosage with tricyclic antidepressants; however, it should not be used routinely, since it may induce seizures and cholinergic crises.

## HOW SUPPLIED

Ampuls 2 ml—For intramuscular administration only

25 mg imipramine hydrochloride, 2 mg ascorbic acid, 1 mg sodium bisulfite, 1 mg sodium sulfite

Boxes of 10 ..... NDC 0028-0065-23

Store between 59°-86°F (15°-30°C).

Note: Upon storage, minute crystals may form in some ampuls. This has no influence on the therapeutic efficacy of the preparation, and the crystals redissolve when the affected ampuls are immersed in hot tap water for 1 minute.

## ANIMAL PHARMACOLOGY &amp; TOXICOLOGY

A. Acute: Oral LD<sub>50</sub> ranges are as follows:

Rat ..... 355 to 682 mg/kg

Dog ..... 100 to 215 mg/kg

Depending on the dosage in both species, toxic signs proceeded progressively from depression, irregular respiration and ataxia to convulsions and death.

B. Reproduction/Teratogenic: The overall evaluation may be summed up in the following manner:

Oral: Independent studies in three species (rat, mouse and rabbit) revealed that when Tofranil is administered orally in doses up to approximately 2½ times the maximum human dose in the first 2 species and up to 25 times the maximum human dose in the third species, the drug is essentially free from teratogenic potential. In the three species studied, only one instance of fetal abnormality occurred (in the rabbit) and in that study there was likewise an abnormality in the control group. However, evidence does exist from the rat studies that some systemic and embryotoxic potential is demonstrable. This is manifested by reduced litter size, a slight increase in the stillborn rate and a reduction in the mean birth weight.

Parenteral: In contradistinction to the oral data, Tofranil does exhibit a slight but definite teratogenic potential when administered by the subcutaneous route. Drug effects on both the mother and fetus in the rabbit are manifested in higher resorption rates and decrease in mean fetal birth weights, while teratogenic findings occurred at a level of 5 times the maximum human dose. In the mouse, teratogenicity occurred at 1½ and 6½ times the maximum human dose, but no teratogenic effects were seen at levels 3 times the maximum human dose. Thus, in the mouse, the findings are equivocal.

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## TOFRANIL®

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imipramine hydrochloride USP

Tablets of 10 mg

Tablets of 25 mg

Tablets of 50 mg

For oral administration

## DESCRIPTION

Tofranil, imipramine hydrochloride USP, the original tricyclic antidepressant, is a member of the dibenzazepine group of compounds. It is designated 5-[3-(Dimethylamino)propyl]-10, 11-dihydro-5H-dibenzo[b,f]azepine Monohydrochloride. Imipramine hydrochloride USP is a white to off-white, odorless, or practically odorless crystalline powder. It is freely soluble in water and in alcohol, soluble in acetone, and insoluble in ether and in benzene. Its molecular weight is 316.87. Inactive Ingredients: Calcium phosphate, cellulose compounds, docusate sodium, iron oxides, magnesium stearate, polyethylene glycol, povidone, sodium starch glycolate, sucrose, talc and titanium dioxide.

## CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

The mechanism of action of Tofranil is not definitely known. However, it does not act primarily by stimulation of the central nervous system. The clinical effect is hypothesized as being due to potentiation of adrenergic synapses by blocking uptake of norepinephrine at nerve endings. The mode of action of the drug in controlling childhood enuresis is thought to be apart from its antidepressant effect.

## INDICATIONS

Depression: For the relief of symptoms of depression. Endogenous depression is more likely to be alleviated than other

depressive states. One to three weeks of treatment may be needed before optimal therapeutic effects are evident.

Childhood Enuresis: May be useful as temporary adjunctive therapy in reducing enuresis in children aged 6 years and older, after possible organic causes have been excluded by appropriate tests. In patients having daytime symptoms of frequency and urgency, examination should include voiding cystourethrography and cystoscopy, as necessary. The effectiveness of treatment may decrease with continued drug administration.

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

The concomitant use of monoamine oxidase inhibiting compounds is contraindicated. Hyperpyretic crises or severe convulsive seizures may occur in patients receiving such combinations. The potentiation of adverse effects can be serious, or even fatal. When it is desired to substitute Tofranil in patients receiving a monoamine oxidase inhibitor, as long an interval should elapse as the clinical situation will allow, with a minimum of 14 days. Initial dosage should be low and increases should be gradual and cautiously prescribed.

The drug is contraindicated during the acute recovery period after a myocardial infarction. Patients with a known hypersensitivity to this compound should not be given the drug. The possibility of cross-sensitivity to other dibenzazepine compounds should be kept in mind.

## WARNINGS

Children: A dose of 2.5 mg/kg/day of Tofranil should not be exceeded in childhood. ECG changes of unknown significance have been reported in pediatric patients with doses twice this amount.

Extreme caution should be used when this drug is given to patients with cardiovascular disease because of the possibility of conduction defects, arrhythmias, congestive heart failure, myocardial infarction, strokes and tachycardia. These patients require cardiac surveillance at all dosage levels of the drug:

patients with increased intraocular pressure, history of urinary retention, or history of narrow-angle glaucoma because of the drug's anticholinergic properties;

hyperthyroid patients or those on thyroid medication because of the possibility of cardiovascular toxicity;

patients with a history of seizure disorder because this drug has been shown to lower the seizure threshold;

patients receiving guanethidine, clonidine, or similar agents, since Tofranil may block the pharmacologic effects of these drugs;

patients receiving methylphenidate hydrochloride. Since methylphenidate hydrochloride may inhibit the metabolism of Tofranil, downward dosage adjustment of imipramine hydrochloride may be required when given concomitantly with methylphenidate hydrochloride.

Tofranil may enhance the CNS depressant effects of alcohol. Therefore, it should be borne in mind that the dangers inherent in a suicide attempt or accidental overdose with the drug may be increased for the patient who uses excessive amounts of alcohol. (See PRECAUTIONS.)

Since Tofranil may impair the mental and/or physical abilities required for the performance of potentially hazardous tasks, such as operating an automobile or machinery, the patient should be cautioned accordingly.

## PRECAUTIONS

An ECG recording should be taken prior to the initiation of larger-than-usual doses of Tofranil and at appropriate intervals thereafter until steady state is achieved. (Patients with any evidence of cardiovascular disease require cardiac surveillance at all dosage levels of the drug. See WARNINGS.) Elderly patients and patients with cardiac disease or a prior history of cardiac disease are at special risk of developing the cardiac abnormalities associated with the use of Tofranil.

It should be kept in mind that the possibility of suicide in seriously depressed patients is inherent in the illness and may persist until significant remission occurs. Such patients should be carefully supervised during the early phase of treatment with Tofranil, and may require hospitalization. Prescriptions should be written for the smallest amount feasible.

Hypomanic or manic episodes may occur, particularly in patients with cyclic disorders. Such reactions may necessitate discontinuation of the drug. If needed, Tofranil may be resumed in lower dosage when these episodes are relieved. Administration of a tranquilizer may be useful in controlling such episodes.

An activation of the psychosis may occasionally be observed in schizophrenic patients and may require reduction of dosage and the addition of a phenothiazine.

Concurrent administration of Tofranil with electroshock therapy may increase the hazards; such treatment should be

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The full prescribing information for each Geigy product is contained herein and is that in effect as of September 1, 1993.



Exhibit A

1. IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

2 Criminal

3 Commonwealth

4 vs.

CC-510-98

5 Jason Eric Benson

6 ORDER OF COURT

7 AND NOW, this 27th day of August, 1999, the  
8 Defendant appeared with counsel. Counsel has indicated that  
9 she has filed an amended PCRA petition, which raises one  
10 issue which is legal in nature. The argument is that the  
11 Court is without power to impose two separate sentences on  
12 count five and six in that there should have been only one  
13 conspiracy.

14 IT IS ORDERED that a transcript be prepared of the  
15 proceedings that occurred on August 4, 1998 and filed of  
16 record. Copies will be provided counsel at the initial cost  
17 of the County of Adams.

18 Argument is scheduled for November 30, 1999 at  
19 9:00 a.m. PCRA counsel shall file her brief by  
20 November 9, 1998, and the Commonwealth shall file its brief  
21 by November 17, 1999.

22 By the Court,

23  
24  
25 Michael A. George, Esq., DA  
Kristen L. Rice, Esq.

Oscar F. Spicer  
President Judge

COPY

**ADAMS COUNTY PRISON**  
**GETTYSBURG, PA**  
**INMATE REQUEST SLIP**

**Exhibit (B)**

**CARBON COPY**  
**PLEASE RESPONSE**

INMATE: \_\_\_\_\_ **BLOCK / CELL#:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 INMATE ID# JASON E BENSON **DATE:** 08.26.99 A-009

**REQUEST TO SEE: (CIRCLE ONE) WARDEN - DEPUTY WARDEN - SHIFT SUPERVISION -**  
**BLOCK OFFICER - MENTAL HEALTH - DOCTOR - LAWYER - PAROLE OFFICER -**  
**PENNSYLVANIA PRISON SOCIETY**

**REASON FOR REQUEST:**

Last night I was not given my Dilantin, an anti-seizure  
med that I must take. It is a life sustaining medication. Please make my medication  
to be given to me.

**DATE RECEIVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RECEIVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION TAKEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

ACFF#0

**ADAMS COUNTY PRISON**  
**GETTYSBURG, PA**  
**INMATE REQUEST SLIP**

INMATE: Jason E Benson **BLOCK / CELL#:** A-009  
 INMATE ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** 08.27.99

**REQUEST TO SEE: (CIRCLE ONE) WARDEN - DEPUTY WARDEN - SHIFT SUPERVISION -**  
**BLOCK OFFICER - MENTAL HEALTH - DOCTOR - LAWYER - PAROLE OFFICER -**  
**PENNSYLVANIA PRISON SOCIETY**

**REASON FOR REQUEST:** I have not received my Dilantin since I arrived here.  
I must have my medication, it is an anti-seizure drug. I have no seizures  
since early this afternoon since the incident. PLEASE GET ME MY  
med!

**DATE RECEIVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RECEIVED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION TAKEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit "C" page 1

ACPF #36

# ADAMS COUNTY PRISON

## EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCE REPORT

NAME Benson, Jason ACP# 99-00740 DATE 8/27/99  
 HOUSING AREA A-Block LOCATION OF INCIDENT Intake  
 TIME: 1120

## Brief Summary of Incident:

(Include Staff and Inmate Names and Number)

On above time & date I, Sgt Hentzel was asked to help with Inmate Benson, Jason at intake. Inmate Benson, Jason didn't want to strip after court.

## Action and Comments:

Taken to Corridor 16 E.D. 1710 E.D. EVANSTON.  
As a result of the P.C. and the number request  
P.S.P. noticed & took criminal charges  
for aggravated assault by a prisoner  
event was voided then

## Shift Commander

Signature and I.D. No.:

Date and Time 8-27-99 1600

Print Name

H. Hentzel

## Report of Incident:

On above time & date I, Sgt Hentzel was asked to help with Inmate Benson, Jason in the intake area. Inmate Benson was having a problem that he didn't want to be strip after coming back from court. He was asked to strip but he refused to do so. At that time he was sprayed & then he started to hit his head on the computer screen. After this he wouldn't stop so he was taken to the floor until he had enough & then he was placed in the shower.

(over for continuation)

Off Signature

and I.D. No.:

Sgt Hentzel 61-4Date and Time 8/27/99 1300

Print Name

Heintzelman

Exhibit 8 ACPF #36  
Page 2ADAMS COUNTY PRISON  
EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCE REPORTNAME Benson, Jason ACP# 99-00740 DATE 8/27/99  
HOUSING AREA A-Block LOCATION OF INCIDENT Medical Office  
TIME: 1145hrs

## Brief Summary of Incident:

(Include Staff and Inmate Names and Number) Use of forceAction and Comments: Inmate showered, transferred to E-Block and transported to ER and  
examined by the on-duty physician.PSP notified to press charges.\* Incident was video documented

Shift Commander

Signature and I.D. No.:

B.A. Cluck

Date and Time

8/27/99 1500 hrs

Print Name

B.A. Cluck

Report of Incident:

On the above time and date, I was informed by Lt. Jennings that the  
above mentioned inmate was refusing to submit to a strip-search upon returning from  
court. I attempted to speak w/ Inmate Benson about his actions but he only began  
yelling profanities and making comments like, "Fuck this! This is fucking Bullshit! I'm  
not stripping!" He was again asked to cooperate and submit to a search and he  
again refused. At that point, Lt. Jennings sprayed a one second burst of OC spray (Foam)  
into Benson face. Benson then began calling staff present, "fucking animals," "cock suckers"  
(over for continuati

Staff Signature

and I.D. No.:

B.A. Cluck

Date and Time

8/27/99 1500 hrs

Print Name

B.A. Cluck



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ACPF #36ADAMS COUNTY PRISON  
EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCE REPORT

NAME BENSON, JASON ACP# 990740 DATE 8/27/99  
 HOUSING AREA E-2 LOCATION OF INCIDENT MEDICAL ROOM  
 TIME: 11:10

## Brief Summary of Incident:

(Include Staff and Inmate Names and Number)

FORCE USED ON INMATE BENSON  
JASON (990740). WARDEN DURAN, DEPUTY WARDENS CLUCK  
AND HANKEY, LT. JENNINGS, SGT. HEINTZELMAN,  
OFFICER SHATAN

## Action and Comments:

TAKEN TO E.R. @ 1310 FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION  
AS A RESULT OF O.I.C. AND INMATE'S REQUEST.  
DSP NOTIFIED TO FILE CRIMINAL CHARGES  
FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT BY PRISONER.  
ENTIRE EVENT WAS VIDEO-TAPED.

## Shift Commander

Signature and I.D. No.:

Date and Time 8-27-99 NOW

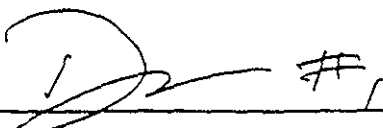
Print Name

Lt. Jennings

## Report of Incident:

ON THE ABOVE DATE & APP. TIME, LT. JENNINGS  
INFORMED ME THAT INMATE BENSON, UPON HIS RETURN  
FROM COURT, WAS REFUSING TO BE STRIP-SEARCHED.  
I REPORTED TO THE LT'S OFFICE AND MET LT.  
JENNINGS WHO BRIEFED ME ON WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED  
THUS FAR. A PLAN WAS DEVISED AND WE REPORTED  
TO THE MEDICAL ROOM, WHERE DEPUTY WARDEN

(over for continuation)

Staff Signature  
and I.D. No.:

Date and Time

8/27/993:10 PM

Print Name

DURAN

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE  
PROPERTY RECORD

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Exhibit E

**THE GETTYSBURG HOSPITAL**

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

NAME: BENSON, JASON E  
MR: 177556

DATE OF VISIT: 08/27/1999

**HISTORY:** This 22 year old presents to the Emergency Department in handcuffs and ankle cuffs for evaluation of injuries sustained in a "scuffle" with the prison guards. The patient states that he was "man handled" by the prison guards, was taken down, and felt like he was being kicked, although he was maced at the time and couldn't really see how he was being taken down. He complains of numbness in his knuckles, pain in his back and chest, and in the back of his head. His last tetanus booster was about a month ago.

**MEDICATIONS:** Ativan once daily. Had a dose earlier this morning. Feels stressed out right now and wants more Ativan.

**PHYSICAL:** The patient is awake, alert, appears in no acute or severe distress although he appears apprehensive. He is afebrile. Blood pressure is 132/90, pulse 92, respirations 20 and not labored.

**HEENT**

Reveals superficial contusion of the right frontotemporal scalp. No other scalp injury is noted. He has conjunctival injection. Tympanic membranes are normal. Pupils are equal and react normally. EOM's intact. There is no facial asymmetry. Speech is normal. There is no tenderness of his neck. There is no apparent pain with neck motion. He has tenderness to palpation of the paraspinous lumbar muscles. He has point tenderness over the right inferolateral thorax. He has no pain in that area with AP compression of his chest. There is no crepitus noted.

**LUNGS**

Clear and equal and he is breathing deeply and ventilating well.

**ABDOMEN**

Soft and nontender.

**EXTREMITIES**

Lower extremity exam is normal. Exam of the upper extremity reveals a few superficial handcuff type contusions of the skin. His neuro exam to the upper extremities is normal. Capillary refill is intact. Sensation and color is normal.

**TREATMENT/PLAN:** The patient is given 1 mg of Ativan by mouth, released in the care of the prison guards, and is to follow with Dr. Posner. He is to be given Tylenol as needed for discomfort.

**IMPRESSION:** Multiple contusions.

WJS dli  
DD 08/27/1999 DT 08/27/1999 14 17

SIGNED BY WILLIAM J STEINOUR, MD

Exhibit F

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**THE GETTYSBURG HOSPITAL****EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

NAME: BENSON, JASON E  
MR: 177556

8-310  
DATE OF VISIT: 08/30/1999

**CHIEF COMPLAINT Seizure**

**HISTORY:** The sheriff that transported this patient from prison says he was told that this patient had a small seizure about an hour and a half ago and then a larger one more recently that prompted the decision to transport this gentleman to the Emergency Department. He was noted to be bleeding from his mouth following the second seizure. He was apparently transported to the Emergency Department in the police cruiser in a conscious condition but shortly after arriving here, had another seizure which occurred in our parking lot area. This was observed by paramedic staff and was observed to be significant. When I went out to the parking lot area, he was noted to be apparently post ictal with bloody mucous coming from his mouth. His respirations were somewhat labored. He was transported into the Emergency Department for further evaluation.

**PAST MEDICAL HISTORY** Positive for seizures in the past. He has been worked up with neurology consults, numerous CT's and I believe EEG. It is believed he has a seizure disorder although he apparently had seizures prompted or precipitated by his multi drug use which includes cocaine, marijuana, and ecstasy. He was seen here a couple of days ago by Dr. Steimour for injuries related to a scuffle with prison guards. He apparently was maced at that point but was treated and released with a diagnosis of multiple contusions.

**MEDICATIONS** Faxed to us from prison are Serzone, Ativan p r n and Imipramine. He apparently is on no anticonvulsants.

**PHYSICAL:** On arrival in the Emergency Department the patient is pale, diaphoretic, unresponsive with somewhat snoring respirations. O2 saturation initially was about 88% range. He was somewhat resistant to maintaining oxygen mask on his face but as he became more lucid he became calmer and his O2 saturation improved into the high 90's. Within the period of 15 minutes or so in our department, he was able to look towards me in response to his name being called and able to follow simple commands such as opening his mouth.

HEENT	He has a little minor ecchymosis in his left postauricular area. Pupils are equal. TM's, nares unremarkable. Exam of his mouth I believe shows an abrasion of the right lateral tongue.
NECK	Appears to be supple.
LUNGS	Clear anteriorly.
HEART	Regular rhythm.
ABDOMEN	Soft.
EXTREMITIES	He was initially wearing handcuffs but was switched to leg shackles by the sheriff that brought him in. He seems to have movement in all his arms and legs.

**TREATMENT/PLAN:** Since this seizure witnessed by us in the Emergency Department was his third in a short period of time, he was given a loading dose of Dilantin 1 gram IV. Blood work has been drawn which shows a white count of 17.6 with a normal H&H and platelet count. Chem panel 2 is pending.

Exhibit 10

**THE GETTYSBURG HOSPITAL**

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

NAME: BENSON, JASON E  
MR: 177556

I plan to speak to the next doctor up for unassigned admission about this patient With three seizures in a short period of time, I feel that he should be admitted to the hospital for more close observation

IMPRESSION: Multiple seizures

TWH dlh  
DD 08/30/1999 DT 09/01/1999 11 34

*TWH 9/2/99*  
SIGNED BY TIMOTHY W HOLLAND, MD

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## THE GETTYSBURG HOSPITAL

## CONSULTATION REPORT

0300410351 17-75-56

NAME JASON BENSON

FENSON, JASON E  
KASLER, DAVID F MD  
C2C7A 09/27/1976 227

DATE AND TIME OF REQUEST 3090499 0900

TO DOCTOR DR MOSSEN

OPINION  
ONLYTREAT AND  
FOLLOW

REASON FOR CONSULTATION:

RECURRENT SEIZURES

OK  
9/10/99

REQUESTING PHYSICIAN: DR KASLER

DATE  
3090499TIME  
0910

SIGNATURE DR KASLER

PERSON NOTIFIED  
OF REQUEST

DEB

## REPORT OF CONSULTATION (Findings, Diagnosis, Recommendations)

22Y.O WM WITH H/O EPILEPSY SINCE 12 Y.O. P.H. OF "PETIT MAL" (PROBABLY COMPLEX-PARTIAL SEIZURES) + GENERALIZED. EEG'S 3/89 + 4/90 → (1) TEMPORAL FOCUS EEG 8/97 @ 2 AM FOR SEIZURES 2° TO PT. DIC OF DILANTIN + DENG USE. CLO MIGRAINE & SERZONE, ATIVAN, IMIPRAMINE PTA FROM G.P. PRISON. Rx IV. DILANTIN 1GM. LAB OK BUT TWBL ↓ CO<sub>2</sub> CW POST-ICUTAL STATE. HAD TIT - SZ THIS AM 0440 → ONSET IN SLEEP DICKED DILANTIN x 4 MOS

EXAM: NECK SUPPLE. M/S. - ALERT + ORIENTED, NO APHASIA MEMORY OK CN - VIS FIELDS ✓ FUNDUS ✓ NO PUPIL ABN. PREM, EYES - FIRM SCL ✓ (4) NYSTAGMUS IN ALL DIRECTIONS (CW DILANTIN LOAN.) HEART - TONGUE - MOTOR - NO DRIFT POWER R=L TONE - SENS - DTR'S 1-2+ R=L TOES M

EEG TODAY → (1) DISCHARGE IMP. (2) SEIZURE DISORDER, (3) STATUS EPILEPTICUS @ 2 AM 2° TO DIC OF DILANTIN ± EFFECTS OF OTHER DRUGS ON SEIZURE THRESHOLD SUGGEST - ✓ DILANTIN LEVEL IN AM IF ≥ 10 BUT < 20 Rx 200 MG PO BID. OR PREVIOUS DOSE KNOWN TO BE EFFECTIVE

SIGNATURE OF CONSULTANT

CONSULTATION REPORT



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**THE GETTYSBURG HOSPITAL**  
**CRITICAL CARE UNIT**  
**BASIC ANTI-ARRHYTHMIA THERAPY**

0300410351 17-75-56

PERSON, JASON E  
 KAMSLER, DAVID F MD  
 E2C7A 09/27/1976 22Y M

Registered Nurses in the Critical Care Unit are authorized to act immediately in the following life threatening situations with the following medications after a reasonable diagnosis has been made and while the physician is being called

1 **Death Imminent Patient unconscious**

- 7/20/99*  
*0826*  
*D-see*
- a. **Ventricular Fibrillation /Pulseless Ventricular Tachycardia**  
 CPR Defibrillate with 200 watt seconds \* If no conversion call Code Blue, defibrillate with 300 watt seconds If no conversion, defibrillate with 360 watt seconds If still no response, give Epinephrine 1 10,000 1mg IV PUSH, defibrillate with 360 watt seconds Give Lidocaine 1mg/kg IV PUSH (not to exceed 100mg per bolus) and repeat defibrillation with 360 watt seconds Follow with Lidocaine drip of 250 cc D<sub>5</sub>W with Lidocaine 1 gram at 2mg/minute Follow Code Blue Procedure
  - b. **Ventricular Tachycardia (with palpable pulse)**  
 Defibrillate with 100 watt seconds If no response, defibrillate with 200 watt seconds If no response, call Code Blue, defibrillate with 300 watt seconds If no response, give Lidocaine 1mg/kg IV PUSH (not to exceed 100mg per bolus) and repeat defibrillation with 300 watt seconds Follow with Lidocaine drip at 250cc D<sub>5</sub>W with Lidocaine gram 1 at 2mg/minute Follow Code Blue Procedure
  - c. **Severe Bradycardia (rate less than 30)**  
 Atropine 1.0mg IV PUSH May repeat Atropine q. 3 - 5 minutes for total 2mg Consider CPR Prepare patient for transcutaneous pacing
  - d. **Asystole**  
 CPR Call Code Blue Give Epinephrine 1 10,000 1mg IV PUSH CPR Give Atropine 1mg IV PUSH Follow Code Blue Procedure

2 **Life Threatening. Patient still conscious but symptomatic If physician is not immediately available then**

- a. **Ventricular Tachycardia (3 or more PVCs in sequence)**  
 Lidocaine bolus 1mg/kg IV PUSH (not to exceed 100mg per bolus)  
 Lidocaine drip at 2mg/minute
  - b. **PVCs 6 or more a minute, multi-focal in nature, coupling or occurring of T wave**  
 Lidocaine bolus 1mg/kg IV PUSH (not to exceed 100 mg per bolus)  
 Lidocaine drip at 2mg/minute
  - c. **Bradycardia Rate less than 40 or 50 a minute and patient symptomatic (Consciousness altered or blood pressure dropped)**  
 Atropine 5mg IV PUSH If rate further drops, follow immediately with second dose of 5mg IV PUSH If rate does not significantly increase in 2 to 5 minutes, give additional 5mg IV PUSH Prepare patient for transcutaneous pacing
- 8/30/99*  
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- D-see CHUC*  
*30 AUG 99 0927*  
*JK*